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## SERB CAPITAL SOUGHT BY BULGARS

### Struggle on Between Bulgarian Invaders and Serbian Defenders for Nish, Present Seat of the Government

Paris, Oct. 15.—Austro-German invaders and the brave force of Serbian defenders are locked in desperate battles south of Semendria. Simultaneously Serbians and Bulgarians, now definitely under war declarations, are struggling for Nish, capital of Serbia. The Bulgarians, spurred to action by their czar's call for them to shake off the Serbian yoke, are responding enthusiastically.

With their aid, the Teutonic drive for Constantinople is developing formidably. Reliable reports today said Field Marshal von Mackensen, in charge of the German Serbian campaign, has 350,000 men behind him, while the Bulgarians have upwards of 300,000. All reports from the allied capitals indicate, however, that these forces will soon be opposed by huge bodies of British, French, Italian and Russian soldiers. Serbia admittedly is hard pressed. Her army is vastly smaller than the forces of the invaders. In the face of the northern boundary invasion, the Serbs have retired into the Avala mountains and are prepared to battle to the last ditch.

Meantime, the struggle along the front in France and Flanders goes on. Heavy bombardments and grenade attacks marked the fighting around Loos and Souchez and through the Champagne region. British forces maintained their gains along the northern line and are making desperate efforts to oust the Germans from the positions to which they are tenaciously clinging.

Suggestions in England that the Dardanelles offensive be abandoned by the allies have not yet reached a stage where there is any indication that those directing the fate of the allies are seriously considering a change. The question of Serbian aid probably will be met largely through proposed reinforcements from Russian and Italian sources.

Meantime, however, the allies are continuing their battering at the great defenses of Constantinople.

Along the eastern front the Russians admittedly have been checked in their recent gains.

Reports of a naval battle near the entrance to the Sound told of the destruction of one German destroyer.

## DESERTED BY COMPANION WHEN AUTO TURNS TURTLE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Seattle, Oct. 15.—W. G. Kennedy, a Seattle plumber, lies seriously injured in the Tacoma general hospital today, following an automobile accident on the Pacific highway near Ardena. Kennedy is said to have been traveling along the highway with an unknown man, at a high rate of speed, when the automobile went into the ditch and turned turtle. Kennedy's companion, according to reports, righted the car and sped on, leaving Kennedy lying on the roadside, unconscious.

## SHANKLIN, U. S. CONSUL TO MEXICO, HAS RESIGNED

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Oct. 15.—Arbold Shanklin, American consul general to Mexico, today resigned to take a position with the Waters-Pierce Oil company, which operates extensively in Mexico. Shanklin's name had recently been mentioned as a possible ambassador to Mexico when the Carranza government is recognized.

## CUMMINS OPPOSES BUILDING GREAT NAVY FOR U. S.

Davenport, Iowa, Oct. 15.—Disagreement with any policy designed to make the United States the world's dominant naval force, was voiced today by United States Senator Cummins before the mid-west conference on preparedness here.

"The suggestion that we ought to enter upon a program which, when finished, would make the United States the dominant naval force of the world does not commend itself to me," he said. "I have no sympathy with the proposal to enter into the mad competition which has characterized the policy of England and Germany."

"I am also utterly opposed to any plan involving compulsory military training, except in schools, for if there is not enough of patriotism in this nation to induce voluntary preparation, then the country is hardly worth defending."

"Our first and paramount duty is to make all things ready for an advance in behalf of international peace. The instant the war in Europe ends the opportunity will come to broaden the scope of arbitration, to increase the efficiency of mediation and to secure the high advantages of reflection and delay."

"We must, however, be ready to meet the misfortune of war if it is unjustly thrust upon us. This presents a practical inquiry which congress must ask: 'What is reasonably required for national defense?' With these considerations in mind, congress should look to the future with honest eyes and prepare for it with persistent courage."

## WILSON APPROVES DANIELS' PROGRAM OF PREPAREDNESS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Oct. 15.—President Wilson today gave his official "OK" to Secretary of the Navy Daniels' preparedness program. This includes greater provisions for construction activity among government ship yards during the coming year than ever before. Every government yard will be made a manufacturing plant as well as a repair shop, and large amounts will be spent to equip each for this system.

For the first time the government will go into the business of making its own aeroplanes to increase its present comparatively small fleet of aircraft.

A naval research laboratory desired by the civilian advisory board will be built if congress agrees, but the appropriation asked will be less than the \$5,000,000 heretofore suggested.

## GUATEMALA DELAYS RECOGNITION OF PRES. CARRANZA

Washington, Oct. 15.—American recognition of Carranza as provisional president of Mexico encountered a temporary obstacle today. Guatemala was reported to be balking at the program, though her minister joined the Pan-American conferees in recommending that the "first chief" be recognized by the countries of North, South and Central America.

Still another cause of delay was the effort to have all the Pan-American nations act simultaneously. Despite these temporary hitches, however, officials hope to be able, not later than next week, to announce the recognition of the new Mexican government.

## CONGRESS IS TO SPEND BILLION

### Next Session of the National Legislature Will Be Called Upon to Make Appropriations to Cover Deficits

Washington, Oct. 15.—The nation faces the certain prospect of another "billion dollar" congress. Budget estimates compiled today indicate that the legislators will be asked to appropriate from \$1,100,000,000 to \$1,200,000,000.

The treasury has a weekly deficit of about \$500,000, and this must be met. A bond issue to make up this shortage and to provide for the military preparedness program is under discussion.

Revision of the tariff, with continued duties on sugar, are certain.

Washington, Oct. 15.—The United States government will spend more money on its Indian wards and less on irrigation next year than heretofore. Secretary of the Interior Lane stated today, after a conference with President Wilson. His estimates for appropriations show a decrease of about \$1,000,000 from last year's and will total about \$210,000,000. Nine million dollars will be expended on the government railway in Alaska; another nine on irrigation projects, a decrease of \$3,000,000 from last year; and \$75,000 for the Flathead reservation in Montana.

Larger appropriations for the bureau of education and mines will be sought and much more will be asked than previously.

## HILLSTROM REPRIEVE WILL EXPIRE TOMORROW

Salt Lake City, Oct. 15.—The pardons court tomorrow will hear any new evidence Joe Hillstrom, I. W. W., convicted of murder, desires to offer. A reprieve of death sentence, granted at President Wilson's request, expires then, but it is not believed the court will grant clemency. If their decision is adverse, Hillstrom will be re-sentenced by the district court, but the date of its meeting is uncertain.

## ANTI-AMERICAN CRITICISM FOUND IN GERMAN PRESS

By Carl W. Ackerman.  
(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Berlin, Oct. 15.—Anti-American criticism, in an under-current, it is true, but nevertheless, criticism, has greeted the German-American settlement of the Arabic controversy, since parts of the settlement have come to the knowledge of the public through the newspapers. The settlement certainly does not meet with the public approval in Germany that America has given it.

Therefore I am asking the censor to pass this story, knowing that the Arabic disagreement was settled officially, but believing the American public should know what the Germans think.

I asked several high officials the basis for the German settlement. One said the reason is the price that Germany is willing to pay for American friendship.

"But we wait now to see if President Wilson is as firm against the British blockade as he is against Germany," the official added. "If he is, Germany will understand that he is really neutral."

## TO ABANDON DARDANELLE CAMPAIGN

### Spirits of the People of Great Britain Drop With Announcement of Transfer of the Army's Operations

London, Oct. 15.—Despite the suggestion of the house of lords yesterday that the siege of the Dardanelles may be abandoned, the allies were reported in news dispatches today to be bombarding the defenses more fiercely than ever. Whether this is merely a final effort to crush the impregnable protections or not the public has no means of knowing. Unquestionably Lord Milner's insistence on a transfer of operations from the Gallipoli peninsula "elsewhere" has caused great discouragement in England.

Replying to Lord Milner's idea, Lord Lansdowne, of the cabinet, refused to promise that the Milner suggestion would be adopted. He pointed out, however, that it would be unpatriotic to force the government further to disclose its hand regarding present operations, though he suggested the situation at present is grave and that there are several factors confronting the allies, including the failure of Greece to define her attitude with certainty.

Coupled with the difficulties in the path of the Gallipoli operations, dispatches said that the autumn rains have added their hindrance and discomfort to the allies' troubles.

It was believed here that if there is any withdrawal from the Gallipoli operations the troops will be sent to aid the Serbians, hemmed in by Austro-Germans and Bulgarians.

## PROSECUTE LUMBER CO. UNDER TRESPASS LAW

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Olympia, Oct. 15.—Alleging the wrongful taking of 5,000,000 feet of timber on state school lands in Skagit county, Attorney General Tanner is today preparing a suit against the Parker-Bell Lumber company for \$45,000, treble damages being allowed under the trespass law.

## SUFFRAGETTES WAGE CAMPAIGN FOR NEW JERSEY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Trenton, N. J., Oct. 15.—Suffragettes and anti today entered upon the last lap of several weeks of hot campaigning before Tuesday's special suffrage election. The suffrage workers are confident. They count on outlying districts to offset the losses in the densely populated counties, where factories with many foreign workers, mostly men, wield the balance of power.

The women have been assisted in their campaign by several auto loads of New York speakers, who today addressed big throngs at street corners from their machines. The anti will virtually end their campaign tomorrow night with a big mass meeting here. Not to be outdone, the "pro" will hold a series of street meetings outside the hall, and they predict the "overflow" will be as great, or greater, than the inside session.

So bitter is the campaign that suffragettes fear illegal voting will be attempted at some points to defeat the cause, and hence they are taking extra precautions.

## AUSTRIANS STOP PROGRESS OF SLAV STEAM ROLLER

Vienna, via Bayville, Oct. 15.—Austrian forces have thrown serious obstacles in the path of the Russian steam roller. It was officially claimed today that all Slav attempts against the Austrians had been repulsed, while small engagements along the Montenegro and Herzegovina frontier were repulsed also. The main Russian attack was west of Tarnopol, where the Slavs stormed in three files. Only the foremost ranks were protected and the Austrians mowed them down and drove them back with heavy loss.

Favorable progress in the Serbian operations was likewise claimed.

Concerning Wednesday's operations, the statement said:

"Our troops stormed from the region of Belgrade, advancing to the southeast to the fortress-like positions on the Erino, Brdo, Cunak, Staawaras line. The enemy, who, according to statements made by prisoners, had been ordered to stand to the last man, fled to the Avala mountains and the region to the east. His losses were extraordinarily heavy."

Heavy artillery fire tore the enemy's ranks to pieces at many points.

## IS COMMISSION PAVING WAY FOR R. R. PURCHASE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, Oct. 15.—The issue whether the present valuation of railroads by the interstate commerce commission is for the purpose of rate-making or the ultimate purchase of the railroads by the federal government took rather a sensational turn today in the convention of the National Association of State Railroad Commissioners, in session here.

Max Thejen, president of the California railroad commission, introduced a resolution proposing that the National Association of Railway Commissioners urge the interstate commerce commission to refrain from making any ultimate finding of value of railroads until congress has had an opportunity to designate for what purpose the valuation is to be used.

It has been supposed that the government's valuation has been purely for purposes of rate-making, and it was not until the present convention met that it became known the valuation might be for subsequent purchase. The railroads, in submitting their valuations, are placing them at the present cost of construction, which would mean a difference of \$5,000,000,000 if the government were to accept the figures as the basis for a purchase price. It is the contention of the men and the members of the California commission that this valuation should be based on original cost.

## "WHITE RIBBON" SPECIAL WILL RUN TO EXPOSITION

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Seattle, Oct. 15.—Imbued with a determination to see the national prohibition amendment a reality before the close of the next session of congress, 700 delegates to the national convention W. C. T. U., which closed here last night, will leave Seattle by special "White Ribbon" train Saturday for the California expositions.

Miss Mary F. W. Anderson, of Boston, was elected general secretary of the young people's branch, W. C. T. U.

## SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN FAVORS ARMY INCREASE

Portland, Oct. 15.—That he is heartily in favor of Secretary of War Garrison's plan to increase the army was the declaration today of Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the senate military affairs committee.

## 6 INTERNERD GERMANS ESCAPE

### Warrant Officers of Teuton Raider, Kronprinz Wilhelm, Disappear With Small Yacht Eclipse, From Newport

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 15.—If the six missing warrant officers of the internerd German raider Kronprinz Wilhelm have actually attempted to escape by putting to sea in the little yacht Eclipse, as many believe they did, their feat was as daring as the ventures of the cruiser Emden, which terrorized the seas till she was beached on Cocos island, naval men said today.

The Eclipse is little more than a tub. Built of wood 24 years ago, she is about ready to crumble to pieces. If she was not wrecked inside the bay, she has gone to sea, where, with good weather, she may reach Haiti, while with bad weather she stands a good chance of going to the bottom. Further, she faces the probability of being captured either by a British cruiser or an American cutter. Coast-guard stations have been notified by wireless to look out for her, following Captain Thierfelder's report that she and the six men had been missing since Sunday night and that he fears all had been drowned.

Provided the tug is privateering, she will be able only to capture oil tankers bound for England. These carry crews of 35 or 40 men, so six are bound to get some excitement if they attempt to capture a tanker. If she is armed, a one-pound gun is all she can mount, for the recoil of a heavier gun would break her up.

Washington, Oct. 15.—All leaves of absence for members of the crew aboard the internerd German raider Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel-Friedrich at Newport were revoked today by the navy department. This action resulted from the belief that six warrant officers from the Kronprinz, reported missing, had escaped with the yacht Eclipse and were perhaps trying to damage British commerce in the south Atlantic. The crew will be held prisoners in their ships until it is determined whether the six officers violated their parole. It was rumored the Eclipse was seen last night at Hampton Point, but no further trace of it had been found this morning.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 15.—The mysterious disappearance of a German-owned yacht with six warrant officers of the internerd German converted cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm gave impetus today to reports that a new German raider is off the coast of Mexico. Captain Thierfelder of the Kronprinz reported the disappearance. Lieut. Hoffman, navigation officer of the Kronprinz, was the purchaser of the yacht, and he was on the captain's list of missing. The captain said the officers disappeared Sunday. He believes they have been drowned. Other persons, however, pointed out that the yacht was sufficiently large and powerful to sail out to the open sea, thus leading color to the suggestion that the officers may have made a dash for liberty to join the reported raider off the Mexican coast.

Newport News, Va., Oct. 15.—Following the mysterious disappearance of six officers of the internerd German raider Kronprinz Wilhelm, three men from the Kronprinz and the Prinz Eitel-Friedrich today attempted to escape from the imprisonment order clamped on the vessels by seeking to ship on a Dutch steamer for Rotterdam. Customs and naval authorities foiled them, however.